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SUBJECT: HEATH-POMPIDOU MEETING - NOVEMBER 16-17

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1. WE DISCUSSED HEATH-POMPIDOU MEETING AT CHEQUERS
NOVEMBER 16,17 WITH ROBINSON (ASSISTANT SECRETARY
RESPONSIBLE FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION IN FOREIGN AND
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COMMONWEALTH OFFICE) NOVEMBER 21. ROBINSON WAS

UNWILLING TO GO INTO GREAT DETAIL BECAUSE BRITAIN'S EC PARTNERS HAD NOT BEEN BRIEFED ON MEETING AND WAS PERHAPS UNABLE TO MORE THAN OUTLINE MEETING BECAUSE ACCOUNTS OF SESSION NOT YET FULLY CIRCULATED IN HMG.

2. MEETING HAD BEEN RELAXED AND INFORMAL, HAD NOT BEEN DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE SPECIFIC RESULTS (APART FROM SIGNATURE OF CHANNEL TUNNEL AGREEMENT) AND SHOULD BE SEEN AS ONE OF SERIES OF BILATERAL SUMMITS IN WHICH VIEWS COULD BE EXPRESSED AND POSITIONS PROBED WITHOUT COMMITMENT ON EITHER SIDE.

3. MUCH OF TIME AVAILABLE HAD BEEN SPENT DISCUSSING FORM AND CONTENT OF EUROPEAN SUMMIT IN DECEMBER. WE GATHER THERE WAS AT LEAST TACIT UNDERSTANDING THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD BE PRESENT INITIALLY AND WHEN ITEMS CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY ARE DISCUSSED. THERE WAS ALSO RECOGNITION THAT THIS RATHER GENERAL FORMULATION PROVIDED CONSIDERABLE FLEXIBILITY FOR THE COMMISSION.

4. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF EUROPEAN POLICY TOWARDS THE MIDDLE EAST LOOKING FORWARD TO DISCUSSION IN GREATER DETAIL AT THE SUMIT AND AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE POSSIBLE FORMS OF A MORE STRUCTURED FOREIGN POLICY MAKING MACHINERY FOR THE COMMUNITY.

5. US-EC RELATIONS WERE DISCUSSED BUT WERE NOT PRINCIPAL TOPIC IN PART BECAUSE THE NOVEMBER 14 MEETING BETWEEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL AND THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS OF THE NINE HAD BEEN SO RECENT.

6. INTRA-COMMUNITY AFFAIRS WERE SIMILARLY RELATIVELY UNIMPORTANT TOPIC APART, OF COURSE, FROM THE CHANNEL AGREEMENT.

7. WITH REGARD TO EUROPEAN MONETARY AFFAIRS, THERE WAS APPARENTLY AN ACCEPTANCE BY EACH MAN OF THE POSITION OF THE OTHER. WE GATHER THAT POMPIDOU DID NOT EVEN MAKE RITUAL REQUEST TO JOIN THE SNAKE.
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8. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HEATH-POMPIDOU MEETINGS ARE CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH WITH INTERPRETATION BY ADVISERS. PALLISER (BRITISH PERMREP IN BRUSSELS) WAS TRANSLATOR AND ADVISER TO PRIME MINISTER HEATH. HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE DETAILED FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT OF MEETING.

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